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The elixir of life sought by explorers and philosophers from Ponce de Leon to Brown-Sequard has at last been found, if the expectations of a country physician from Green City, Mo., are realized. The doctor's name is B. F. Roberts, and so thoroughly has he impressed Chicago physicians who have experimented with his elixir that several have undertaken extensive experiments with the new remedy.

Doctor Roberts is a modest man, who says that he went to Chicago for assistance, because a country practice does not give sufficient opportunity for testing the results of his work. He does not assert that the general outline of his plan is new, but points to several features in its development which are not only new but decidedly original.

On his farm near Green City, Doctor Roberts has raised a large herd of goats, and it is from these prosaic animals that the fluid of youth is to be secured. "Life cells" from the lymphatic glands of goats are removed with great care and preserved from all infection. The preservation of these cells and the maintenance of life in them forms the most valuable feature of Doctor Roberts' method.

These life cells are transplanted to the human body by hypodermic injections. The result, according to Doctor Roberts and his assistants, have been interesting in the extreme, and would seem to justify the claim that old age may be postponed and the disorders of senility avoided by the use of this lymph.

In the institution to be established in Chicago, further experiments will be made. Doctor Alexander C. Wiener assisted Doctor Roberts in some of the experiments conducted in Chicago.

"I do not like to speak of anything of this kind," said he, "because it seems so sensational that it is likely to be disbelieved, and may lead to severe criticism by the profession. I was associated with Doctor Roberts in his experiments in this city, and will carry on some more along the same line. He has taken up the work advanced by Alexander Koch, of St. Petersburg, and Brown-Sequard, and has made novel and valuable advances. Brown-Sequard worked several years upon this problem, and Koch, who is a well-known physiological chemist, recently published the results of his own experiments. Koch took his fluid from young horses and obtained results much similar to ours.

"The general plan of treatment is to find a method of elimination of certain deposits and of oxidation of blood. This will naturally prolong life, for these are the two elements which tend to bring about the state of old age.

"It might be said, perhaps, that the accumulation of phosphates and lime salts in the system and the lack of oxidation in the blood are the factors of old age. Therefore, when it becomes possible to eliminate the salts and continue the oxidation of the blood, it will be possible to defer the period of senility.

"Of course, the same holds true of all the disorders incident to such a state, and the treatment of such disorders will be possible by reaching the cause. Some phases of heart disease and anæmia, many forms of chronic rheumatism, and the endless chain of nervous disorders can thus be reached.

"The first case I saw treated by Dr. Roberts impressed me greatly. The patient was a man over sixty years, who

had for a long time been suffering from angina pectoris. After the injection of the lymph he recovered. He has lost all of the symptoms and shows remarkable increase of strength.

"The reason for using the goat is that the goat is a healthy animal, and young goats have been used, and Doctor Roberts has a large herd near his home in Missouri, from which he secured the lymph with which he has been experimenting over twenty years. He is a studious man, and has certainly given us something new and of far-reaching importance in his method of maintaining life in the lymph cells after their removal from the animals."

"Do you think this lymph actually prolongs life?" was asked.

"Yes," said Doctor Wiener. "I certainly think so, from the results I have seen."

"How long would one treatment have effect?"

"I should say that one treatment might retain its effect perhaps ten years, and that at the end of that time the injection might be repeated with success."

"Can you show us an article from the leading surgical journal of the world in which Professor Koch says that he has used his remedy with effect in cases of anæmia, tuberculosis, marasmus, neuritis, diseases of metabolism and uric acid, diabetes, rickets, paralysis and inflammation of the nerves. He testified that the treatment increases the vitality of the nerve elements and enables the organism to resist the attacks of disease."

"We do not wish to give this matter publicity, but do wish to make it known to the medical profession."

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson, of Rossville, York county, Penn., who was the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge for one of these bottles." Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neighbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame back, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns, for which it is unequalled. For sale by Dr. Wayne Griffin & Bro., druggists, Hartford, Ky.

**What Sturred Their Blood.**  
(Williams' Column, Journal.)  
Bill Jackson, the hero of Williams' column, has a new story of El Caney. It is about the Twelfth regulars, of which Bill was one. The story dates from the night of the attack. Capt. Clarke, who was a fine soldier and who seemed never to sleep, hurried back from the trenches to see the men of his company. He said: "To arms! Get up! They are coming at us!"

One or two men sprang to their feet, and a few sat up and drowsily rubbed their eyes. The rest slept peacefully on, dreaming of home, perhaps. They were dead tired. Then Capt. Clarke began to swear. We will hope that in the excitement of the occasion, the Angel Gabriel failed to set it down against the Captain. Clarke began to swear and go from man to man, kicking each one in turn. "We are attacked! Rally at the trenches!" he shouted.

But still the weary, fagged-out men were slow. They roused, but seemed unable to shake off the meshes of slumber which clogged their brains.

"For God's sake, wake up!" cried the Captain—and then, with a sudden inspiration, he shouted: "Company F, play ball!"

That settled it. The men were wide awake in an instant, and led by their Captain, every man dashed for the trenches, to the relief of the detail already there, and the enemy was thrust back—as history will tell us.

Pimples, Boils and other Humors appear when the blood gets impure. The best remedy is Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine.

**Bright and Brief.**  
The law of Denmark now gives to Danish subjects, man or woman, the right to a pension at sixty years of age, except in case of convicted criminals, paupers, or those who have come to distress by extravagance.

There is a point near the famous Stony Cove, in the Catskill Mountains, where ice may be found on any day in the year. This locality is locally known as the "Neb," and it is well known on all sides by steep mountains, some more than 3,000 feet high.

Demeco, an island adjoining Porto Rico, is infected with rats. There are millions of them there, and it is unsafe for a man to set foot on the island. They have destroyed all the goats, which were formerly bred there and are now eating the shrubbery.

Four cities in Europe stand wholly or in part on islands. Venice is the best known on account of its historical past; next comes St. Petersburg, the capital of Russia; and the last two are the cities of Ghent and Amsterdam, situated respectively in Belgium and Holland.

In linguistic attainments the Russians are far in advance of other nations. Their learned and cultured classes appear to have the faculty of acquiring languages specially developed, and can for the most part learn a new language with a fraction of the time and trouble it takes a Briton or any other European.

**Soon to Be Out of Debt.**  
The people of the Providence district, Webster county, are congratulating themselves that they have only one more payment to make on the compromise settlement of the railroad debt of the district and that the path that has hung over the district for so long will be lifted.

**Money Invested in Prayer.**  
WOULD PAY IF PRAYER BROUGHT RAIN—AND IT RAINED.

Lifting the Mortgage on the Church—Commenced as a Joke, But Crops Were Saved.

PRAYER WAS A GOOD INVESTMENT.

(San Francisco Cor. St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)  
H. H. Piche, capitalist, financier, fruitgrower and President of the Bank of Livermore, Cal., has just made the nicest business turn in his life. He bought \$300 worth of prayer stock and within a week it netted him thousands of dollars profit.

The stock was watered, but Livermore Valley was also a few hours later and thereby hangs this true tale of terrestrial negotiations with Providence.

Moreover, that thirty expanse of grain-producing territory was soaked with four inches of rain—precisely the amount stipulated for in the extraordinary contract in which Banker Piche, as the party of the first part.

The whole transaction started in a joke. A woman began it.

Here is the story of Livermore Valley's merciful escape from disaster by drought. Whether the rain descended and the floods came in answer to Presbyterian and Methodist prayers, or whether the needed down-pour resulted from natural causes, is a matter about which the valley people are not concerning themselves.

In all California there is not a prettier spot than Livermore Valley. It's almost and olive orchards, its vineyards, its fields of undulating grain, its charming country homes, form a cheerful picture of agricultural prosperity when the clouds are kind in winter. Through the valley winds the

**PINESTOCK ROAD.**  
In the State, the delight of travelers a-foot, a-horseback and a-wheel. From the vines on the dimpling foothills to the purple mountains beyond, and across the wide sweep of the vale, there is scenery such as painters love to put to canvas, and which this blundering pen of mine would better not attempt to portray.

Livermore is the center of distribution at this Eastern end of Alameda county. There are 1,500 people within Livermore's limits. The man with the hoe in Livermore Valley comes to town with a shipment of shelled almonds at \$7,000 per carload, or wine by the thousands of gallons, or wagonloads of barley. His family has access to a public library of 4,000 volumes. He is proud of his bustling town with its cement sidewalks and friendly shade trees and fragrant gardens.

The valley is famous for its hay. A dry year meant millions of dollars lost to that locality alone. It meant hard times for the Bank of Livermore. It meant that the only kind of crops maturing would be a crop of mortgages.

One evening Mrs. A. L. Fuller dropped in to pay Mrs. H. H. Piche, a neighborly call. The banker was gloomily pacing the halls of his handsome residence. They talked on the only subject of interest to any of them just then—the

**PARTLY LOVELY WEATHER.**  
Mrs. Fuller is a teacher in the public school and a zealous worker in the Methodist church. Noting the distress of the usually jovial banker, she smilingly suggested that he pray for what he wanted.

"Do you really believe that praying for rain will bring it?" he asked.

"I do," was the reply.

"Then the sooner you start in the better," said the banker with business-like promptness. "Give me four inches of rain within the next two weeks and I'll cancel the Methodist church indebtedness."

"Honor bright!" breathlessly inquired the little blue-eyed school marm, who believed in the efficacy of prayer.

"Honor bright," said the big black-eyed banker, who hadn't a shred of faith in prayer petitions, but who was growing desperate at the critical situation.

By the next morning he had forgotten all about the queer bargain, but little Mrs. Fuller immediately went home by the shortest cut and commenced praying as soon as she got there.

That was on Sunday. Last Tuesday it began to rain in good earnest. Meanwhile the news of the banker's offer had spread throughout the town. The good sisters of the Methodist church went on their knees to the rescue. So did the brothers. Then the congregation of the only other Protestant church in town, the Presbyterians, which had no debt, joined in on general principles.

**THE PRAYERS ABOVE.**  
The barometer fell. The faster the one went up, the steadier the other went down.

Between prayers the good sisters kept tab on the rain gauges. One—two—three—three and a half inches were registered. The highwater mark had reached three and three quarters, when Mrs. Fuller met a tall man with an umbrella coming down the street.

"Another quarter of an inch," said she, gleefully, "will wipe out that debt."

"Oh, no," protested the banker, skeptically. "There must be something wrong with those rain gauges."

But when Friday came the record showed the four inches, with a few hundred over just for luck.

Banker Piche's prayer stock was above par.

Such rejoicing was never known in Livermore. The Methodist sisters held an informal jubilee. The mortgage had been a millstone around their necks ever since the church was organized. In vain had they tried to cancel it. There had been church fairs and bazaar and socials and grab-bag soires and pink-tea fights, but the mortgage wouldn't budge. And now a few days of good hard praying had not only paid the church, but brought joy to everybody in the valley.

Now it happened that Mr. Piche was a Trustee, though not a communicant of the Presbyterian church. When he had paid up the last penny of the Methodist debt, there rose a mild exultation.

**MUMUR FROM THE OTHER SIDE.**  
Was it quite fair that one church only should be remembered, when both had prayed?

True, the Presbyterians had no debt. But they had no lawn, either. They looked wearily across lots at the emerald square, tidily trimmed, that beautified the other church's surroundings. And the paint was peeling and cracking most shabbily on the Presbyterian edifice, while the other shone with spick-span, immaculate whiteness after its bath of rain.

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